

Delaware State Arts Council Meeting Minutes September 21, 2016 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Dover HS – Arts Academy Kent County

Attending: Council: Mack Wathen (Chair), Lori Crawford, Robert Fitzgerald, Ralph Kuebler, Mary Ann Miller, Michael Quattrociocchi, Carol Rothschild, John Sarro, Catherine Walls

Staff: Paul Weagraff, Kristin Pleasanton, Sheila Ross, Katie West, Roxanne Stanulis, Leeann Wallett, Dana Wise

Public: Dr. Courtney Voshell (Dover HS Principal), Teresa Emmons (Dover HS Teacher), Deb Hansen (Dept. of Education)

Absent: Madeleine Bayard, Tina Betz, Donna Blakey, Heather Morrissey, Jon Newsom, Cheyrle Pringle, Gwen

Henderson

The meeting was called to order at 10:15 a.m.

Motion and second to approve the minutes from the June 21, 2016 Council meeting - All in favor.

Chair's Report - Mack Wathen

I attended the NASAA Conference along with Roxanne Stanulis and Katie West. NASAA is a membership organization that supports all USA and territories state arts organizations and councils. They advocate for arts at the national level and conduct a lot of research to support state arts councils. I attended peer group (chairs of arts councils/agencies) sessions that covered technology for databases, criteria and collection of demographic information on grantees. NASAA is a very valuable organization.

Director's Report - Paul Weagraff

NEA Visit to Delaware

Jane Chu, Chair of the National Endowment for the Arts, will be visiting Delaware on Tuesday, November 1st. She will be visiting a few sites in Wilmington and Dover, including NEA grantees Wilmington Renaissance Corporation and The Delaware Contemporary. There will be a public Town Hall meeting in Wilmington (Queen Theatre) at 1 p.m. and a Meet and Greet in Dover (Biggs Museum) in the late afternoon.

Delaware Seashore Poets & Prose Writers' Retreat

The 2016 Poetry and Prose Writers' Retreat will be held November 3-6, 2016, at the Cottages at Indian River Marina, Rehoboth Beach, Delaware. Workshops leaders are novelist H. G. Carrillo and poet Diana Goetsch. Twenty-two participants will spend four days writing at the beach in the company of fellow writers at the Indian River Marina. There will be writing time during the day and writing workshops in the evening.

DE Creative Aging Workshop (Division sponsors in partnership with Modern Maturity Center and the Delaware Division of Services for Aging and Adults with Physical Disabilities)

When/Where: Wed, Dec. 7, 9:00 am - 4:00 pm; Modern Maturity Center, Dover

Overall Goal: Broaden awareness of the emerging creative aging field and cultivate the development of effective and meaningful arts programming to benefit Delaware's aging population and stimulate healthy aging.



Target Attendees: Delaware's senior care-giving community, arts and cultural orgs, arts program developers, artists and teaching artists.

FY2017 Rolling Grants Awarded

Artists in Residence: 1 grants, \$935
Arts Access: 5 grants, \$4,300
Artists: 2 grants, \$1,350
Total: 8 grants, \$6,585

FY2017 Partnerships

- DE Arts Alliance (support Arts Advocacy activities)
- DE Division of Libraries (support arts programs presented in Summer Reading Program)
- DE Division of Parks and Recreation (supports Summer Arts in the Parks throughout the state)
- National League of American Pen Women (supports processing of Scholastics Writing entries)
- Newark Arts Alliance (supports Delaware Day 4th-grade school projects)
- Division of Tourism and county CVBs: inroads in communications for sharing calendar data in a more efficient and ongoing manner

Delaware Design 2.0: Strategic Plan

- FY2016 Operational plan and outcomes/outputs available online (http://www.artsdel.org/DesignDelaware/DesignDE2.0_Operational_Plans.pdf)
- FY2017 Operational plan being refined by staff.

Technology Progress and Challenges

- DelawareScene.com is getting a makeover and technology upgrade.
- PEARL is no longer a gem. We are working with DTI and Bromelkamp Inc. to work out a solution to the
 database's inability to work under the current configuration with Windows and Office upgrades on a remote
 server.
 - We are looking at getting a dedicated server for PEARL that will hopefully resolve connectivity and file corruption issues.

For your calendar

October 1, 2016	IAF Reception – Biggs Museum, Dover; 2 – 4 p.m.
October 10, 2016	Arts Advocacy Awards at Mitchell Hall, 7 p.m.
November 1, 2016	NEA visit with Jane Chu and Laura Scanlan
November 3-6, 2016	Delaware Seashore Poets & Prose Writers' Retreat
December 14, 2016	State Arts Council Meeting, New Castle County (TBD), 10 a.m. to noon

Leeann Wallett - DelawareScene

Leeann presented a preview of the new revamped DelawareScene website. The link is not yet live, but it can be sent to council members at their request. We should be soft-launching it within the next few weeks. All information currently on the website will be included (or fed to) the new app. Also, we've migrated the podcasts from the DDOA website to DelawareScene. Some highlights of the new website are listed below:

• It's more responsive



- Has better navigation
- More user-friendly
- Has better visuals
- There are categorical tags on the events pages

Kristin Pleasanton - Creative Aging Partnership

Kristin presented a PowerPoint and short video called "The Wall", hat talks about the purpose and results of creative aging. The DE Division of the Arts (DDOA) has partnered with the Division of Services for Aging and Adults w/ Disabilities (DSAAPD) and the Modern Maturity Center to conduct a workshop on creative aging. The Delaware Creative Aging workshop will be held on December 7, 2016 at the Modern Maturity Center in Dover from 9am – 4pm. The workshop leader is from the National Center for Creative Aging. There will be breakout sessions for administrators and implementers (theory & practice).

Katie West - Arts Access Grant Report & Proposal

The division launched the Arts Access Grant process on July 1, 2016. Previously the only process for grantees were applying for General Operating Support (GOS), StartUp, and Project Support (PS). The Arts Access Grant works as follows (handout passed around to council members):

- Open to non-profit and government entities offering arts programming
- Organizations can receive up to two \$1,000 grants per year max
- Rolling deadline
- Reviewed by staff & director
- Organizations with 16k or less in income will go into the Arts Access category instead of GOS
 - There are about 15–20 applicants that could be moved from the GOS & PS grant process
 - Detailed proposal hand out
 - o If they are below, then go above the threshold, they'll meet w/division staff to make determination based on the situation or cause of the fluctuation
 - Community Based Organizations with estimated project expenses of \$5k or less will apply to the Arts Access grant
 - Most orgs will benefit because of applying for 2 1k grants instead of one gos that may be less

Motion and second to approve Arts Access Grants - All in favor.

Public Comment

Dr. Courtney Voshell - Introduction to Dover HS Arts Academy

The Dover HS Arts Academy has a great academic program, offering the most AP courses. We have a career tech program, an academy of the arts - that started with a dance program (credit to Teresa Emmons the academy director), added 5 new electives for music, behind the scenes music tech, and visual arts, which is the last integration (handed out brochure). – pushing program into middle school (dance, strings)

- Dover HS has been in this new building for 2 years capacity is 1800 and we have just a little less than that number of students
- o Partnered with Ud, Schwartz center,
- Having masters come in to work with the kids

Deb Hansen - Arts Education Report PowerPoint

On March 17, 2016, the Delaware State Board of Education unanimously voted to adopt new standards for dance, media arts, music, drama/theater, and visual arts. (Distributed handout illustrating national core arts standards.) The new arts standards have commonality amongst disciplines including creating, performing, presenting, producing, connecting and responding which are all student centered. The next step will be a summer of



professional learning for arts educators in all 3 counties. Thanks to DDOA for support of transitioning arts learning standards in the school.

Theresa Emmons – Arts in Dover HS Arts Academy

The Arts Academy is a plug-in program at Dover High School. We have existing classes in the school that aren't exclusive to academy students. This is an arts integration program with other academic and arts forms besides music and the standard arts classes. It's a magnet school with children transferring from other area schools. We've partnered with arts organizations such as Delaware Theatre Company, Kent County Theatre Guild and the Delaware Symphony Orchestra, as well as with professional artists of all disciplines. University of Delaware has also been instrumental in connecting artists with the academy.

Old Business - None

New Business - None

Motion and second to adjourn meeting at 12pm - All in favor.

Lunch